

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 838
By Finney

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Nick Edward Shaffer,
2006 Co-Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman
High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Nick Edward Shaffer is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Shaffer has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Nick has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in several extracurricular activities, including the First Team of the Scholar's Bowl, Mu Alpha Theta, the Math Club, which he served as Vice President, Interact Club, Beta Club, the Winston Dell Solar Car Challenge; in addition, he dedicated his time and energies as a tutor for his fellow students and as an assistant coach in the Gatlinburg Junior League basketball program; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Shaffer is a National Merit Scholar, a member of the Tennessee Honors Program, and the winner of the Summa Cum Laude prize in the National Latin Exam. He also attended the Governor's School for the Sciences, was named an Outstanding Student by the Sevier County Board of Education, and garnered Best Actor and Best Tenor honors in recognition of his fine choral performances; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffer's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Nick's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ted and Marianna Shaffer, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Nick Shaffer's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Co-Valedictorian, Nick Edward Shaffer, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.